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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: FAO, UN, VN

SUBJECT: IGC/WFP: APPROVAL OF REPORT ON VIETNAM ISSUE

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1. COMMITTEE FINISHED SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS MONDAY AFTERNOON AND BEGAN CLEARANCE OF REPORT. CONSIDERABLE CARE WAS REQUIRED TO KEEP COMMITTEE FROM RE-OPENING DEBATE ON POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE PRG AND DVN. RECENT APPROACHES TO CAPITALS HELPED MUCH IN KEEPING IGC INTACT ON ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE WHICH HAD DEVELOPED IN DRAFTING GROUP.

2. ONLY SENEGAL SHOWED INTEREST IN AMENDING THE DRAFT TEXT AND THEIR INTENT OBVIOUSLY WAS TO HAVE REPORT INDICATE THAT IGC WANTED EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN REGARD CONSULTATIONS WITH PRG AND DVN AND NOT WAIT FOR REQUESTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO HIM BY THESE ENTITIES. SPECIFIC WORDING INCLUDED "IN ORDER TO GIVE THIS COUNTRY THE FOOD AID WHICH IT NEEDS."

3. U.S. OBJECTED CHANGES IN DRAFT PARAS WHICH CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING GROUP HAD EXPLAINED WAS PUT TOGETHER LABORIOUSLY IN GROUP WHICH HAD REGIONAL REPRESENTATION.

4. NETHERLANDS, CHILE, FRG, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, AND SAUDI ARABIA SUPPORTED U.S.

5. HUNGARY SUPPORTED SENEGAL. SWEDEN SAID IT COULD ACCEPT DRAFT LANGUAGE IF IGC WOULD ACCEPT UNDERSTANDING THAT EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR WOULD NOT ACT ON TWO REQUESTS NOW PENDING FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. SAID SWEDEN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRG WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MODALITIES OF ARRANGING FOR SAME TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDED SOUTH VIETNAM.

6. THE CHAIR (TUINMAN OF NETHERLANDS) REMINDED SWEDEN WE WERE CLEARING REPORT AND NOT DISCUSSING ISSUE. UNLESS THE DELEGATE WAS REPEATING EARLIER EXPRESSED VIEWS, HIS COMMENTS WERE INAPPROPRIATE.

7. FINALLY, AFTER A PAKISTAN-FRANCE EXCHANGE OVER WHAT FRENCH TEXT ACTUALLY SAID, THE DELEGATE OF SENEGAL, PROBABLY LOOK-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING FOR A FACE-SAVING DEVICE, ACCEPTED THE WORDING IN THE ENGLISH TEXT. UNDERSTANDING WAS SOME "POLISHING" OF FRENCH TEXT WOULD TAKE PLACE. THE IGC HAS ACCEPTED THE ENGLISH TEXT AND ANY "POLISHING" IN THE FRENCH TEXT WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE ENGLISH TEXT WOULD CLEARLY BE CONTRARY TO THE IGC DECISION.

8. OUTCOME IS THAT NO CHANGES WERE MADE IN DRAFT PARAS WHICH ARE SET FORTH BELOW. SECRETARIAT ASSURED DELEGATION THAT

REMARKS OF SWEDEN (TO WHICH NO ONE ELSE ADDRESSED THEMSELVES)  
WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, APPEAR IN REPORT OR PRECIS MINUTES.  
ADOPTED PARAS ARE:

"40. ONE DELEGATION REQUESTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REPORT ON THE PROGRAMME'S ACTIVITY WITH REGARD TO VIETNAM, SUBSEQUENT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION'S ADOPTION OF PARAGRAPH 52 OF ITS REPORT AND WISHED TO KNOW WHAT THE COMMITTEE'S ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF A REQUEST FOR FOOD AID WERE SUBMITTED TO IT BY ONE OR OTHER OF THE AUTHORITIES OF VIETNAM. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD APPROVED PROJECT NO. 2151/Q FOR THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. TWO OTHER REQUESTS FOR ACTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNHCR FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$750,000 HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN APPROVED. NO REQUESTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

41. SOME DELEGATIONS REFERRING TO THE STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MADE ON 15 JANUARY 1975, EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD PROCESS AND APPROVE EVENTUAL REQUESTS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HIS AUTHORITY. TWO DELEGATIONS SAID THAT TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT SUCH REQUESTS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED, THE IGC SHOULD INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTACT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO COMMENCE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS. ONE DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO DISCUSSING THIS MATTER SINCE THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC ITEM ON THE AGENDA RELATING TO THIS ISSUE AND NO REQUESTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE DELEGATE SUGGESTED  
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THAT THE COMMITTEE MOVE ON TO ITS SCHEDULED ITEMS AND THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY SOME DELEGATIONS. MANY DELEGATIONS INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. SOME OF THEM SUPPORTED THAT FAVORABLE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO ANY REQUEST FOR FOOD AID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PARA 52." VOLPE

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